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In re Application of
Tang, et al.
Application No. 09/783,264
Filed: February 15, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 038602/1086

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.182 filed on May 2, 2001, which is properly treated under \$1.181, to obtain the serial number for the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

The above-identified application was filed on February 15, 2001. The evidence submitted on petition shows that applicants received a return postcard receipt with a February 15, 2001, OIPE date-stamp thereon. However, the postcard receipt was lacking the identification of the application No. assigned, normally stamped thereon. In addition, applicants state that they have not received notification of the serial number by official "Filing Receipt," "Notice to File Missing Parts" or "Notice of Incomplete Application." Accordingly, petitioners request to be advised of the application number and the status of the application.

Prior to a decision being issued on this petition, on June 25, 2001, the Initial Patent Examination Division mailed applicants a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application." Applicants were thereby informed of the application number and status of the application.

Given that this petition was considered under \$1.181, no petition fee is due. Accordingly, the petition fee paid has been refunded to counsel's Deposit Account, as authorized.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination to await the reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts" mailed June 25, 2001. This decision in no way extends the period for reply to that Notice.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Nancy Johnson at (703) 305-0309.

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